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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: ETRD BE
SUBJECT: ESCAPE CLAUSE CASE ON TV RECEIVERS

REF: STATE 62736

1. MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS INFORMS US THAT IMPORTED TV SETS FROM JAPAN ARE SUBJECT TO LICENSING REQUIREMENTS (AS ARE, IN FACT, ALL IMPORTS FROM JAPAN). IN THE CASE OF TV SETS, THE LEVEL OF IMPORTS IS WATCHED VERY CLOSELY. THE OFFICIAL WITH WHOM WE SPOKE SAID THAT, IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY EC AGREEMENT WITH JAPAN ON VOLUNTARY RESTRAINTS, OLD BENELUX ACCORDS WITH THE JAPANESE APPLY. THESE IMPOSE CEILINGS ON VARIOUS ITEMS, BUT NOT RPT NOT TV SETS. THE OFFICIAL ADDED THAT JAPANESE PENETRATION OF THE BELGIAN MARKET DOES NOT RPT NOT GIVE CAUSE OF CONCERN AT PRESENT--BUT IF IT DID, THE BENELUX COUNTRIES WOULD NOT HESITATE TO DEMAND EC ACTION TO EASE THE PRESSURE, HE SAID.

2. BLEU IMPORT STATISTICS 1974-76 CONFIRM THAT JAPAN'S CURRENT POSITION IN THIS MARKET IS MINIMAL, ALTHOUGH GROWING SOMEWHAT IN THE AREA OF BLACK AND WHITE PORTABLES. OVERALL, THERE HAS NOT RPT NOT BEEN ANY SUBSTANTIAL RISE IN THE
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VOLUNTARY BENELUX-JAPANESE AGREEMENT WHICH EXPIRED AT THE END OF 1975. JAPANESE IMPORTS ARE ONLY 1.3 PERCENT OF TOTAL IMPORTS. CONSIDERING LOCAL PRODUCTION, THEY REPRESENT AN EVEN SMALLER PART OF TOTAL CONSUMPTION:

(MILLIONS BF)

BTN NO.	1974	1975	1976(JAN-OCT)
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8515.35(PORTABLE SETS)

TOTAL	156.3	158.7	134.5
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FROM JAPAN	34.1	33.3	35.1
	(22 PCT)	(21 PCT)	(26 PCT)

FROM EC	118.9	98.6	79.9
	(76 PCT)	(62 PCT)	(59 PCT)

8515.43 (COLOR SETS)

TOTAL	1,915.4	2,053.5	2,103.1
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(VIRTUALLY ALL FROM EC SOURCES)

8515.45 (OTHER)

TOTAL	331.5	543.4	369.4
	(VIRTUALLY ALL FROM EC SOURCES)		

3. BELGIUM ITSELF EXPORTS OVER TWICE THE QUANTITY OF TV SETS
THAT IT IMPORTS IN THE LATTER TWO BTN CATEGOIES.
THESE EXPORTS GO PRIMARILY TO FRANCE, THE NETHERLANDS
AND SWITZERLAND.RENNNER

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